

Appl. No. 10/054,175
Amendment and/or Response
Reply to Office action of 8 June 2004

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REMARKS / DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Claims 1-3, 9-12, and 27-29 are pending in the application; claims 4-8 and 13-16 are cancelled herein as being non-elected claims.

The Office action requires a restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121. The applicants elect Invention I, claims 1-3, 9-12, and 27-29 for prosecution on their merits. The applicants reserve the right to pursue the cancelled claims in divisional applications.

Because the cancelled claims have not been examined on their merits, the applicants respectfully request that the excess-claims fees of \$222 that the applicants paid on 22 January 2002 be refunded and credited to Deposit Account 50-0634.

Respectfully submitted,


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